

JAMES T. CASWELL.

FEBRUARY 17, 1910.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PRINCE, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 11524.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11524) for the relief of James T. Caswell, postmaster at Narragansett Pier, R. I., for the reimbursement for clerk hire necessarily expended by him during the month of June, 1908, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass.

Appended hereto is a letter from the Postmaster-General and an affidavit from the claimant, James T. Caswell, which are made a part of this report.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL,
Washington, D. C., January 14, 1910.

SIR: I am in receipt of your undated communication inclosing a copy of House bill 11524, entitled "A bill for the relief of James T. Caswell, postmaster at Narragansett Pier, Rhode Island," and requesting an expression of opinion respecting the merits of the claim. In reply, I beg to advise you that the department has reason to believe that it was necessary for Mr. Caswell to expend the amount specified in the bill for clerical assistance at his office during the month of June, 1908, and an allowance for the purpose would have been granted him had not the only available appropriation been entirely exhausted. The claim is therefore believed to be meritorious.

Respectfully,

F. H. HITCHCOCK,
Postmaster-General.

HON. GEORGE W. PRINCE,
Chairman Committee on Claims,
House of Representatives.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that I, James T. Caswell, postmaster at Narragansett Pier, R. I., did pay \$105 out of my personal funds for clerk hire for services performed in the post-office at Narragansett Pier, R. I., during the month of June, 1908, and in explanation for the foregoing expenditure I would further say that it was extremely nec-

essary that this expenditure be made, for the fact that this is a summer watering place and the business was so great at that time it was very essential that the people receive good service; therefore I engaged help and paid them from my personal funds with the expectation that I would be reimbursed by the Post-Office Department, and this expectation was based on the fact that in former years the Post-Office Department had made this office an allowance for the month of June; but when I made application to the department in 1908 for allowance I was informed by the Post-Office Department that the clerical allowance for unusual business was exhausted and that they could not therefore make allowance.

JAMES T. CASWELL, *Postmaster.*

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 14th day of February, A. D. 1910.

[SEAL.]

JAS. D. CASWELL, *Notary Public.*

